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COLUMBIA

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Officers

Moderator
MILTON ADAIR

Town Clerk
HARRY LANG

Selectmen
CHARLES WHITE CLYDE SHALLOW
LYNN PARKHURST

Tax Collector
DONALD HAYNES

Supervisors
ERNEST PILBRO ANDREW JACKSON
ELERY ADAIR

Trustees of Public Library
BEATRICE WHITE THELMA COVELL
BARBARA HAYNES

Librarian
ALDA JACKSON

Auditor
[redacted]

Trustees of Trust Funds
[redacted] EUGENE JORDON
[redacted]ADYS PILBRO

Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the inhabitants of the Town of Columbia, in the County of Coos, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 8th day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose by ballot and major vote a Town Clerk for the year next ensuing.

2. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for the two years next ensuing.

3. To choose by ballot and major vote one Selectman for the three years next ensuing.

4. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Auditors for the year ensuing.

5. To choose by ballot and major vote a Tax Collector for the year ensuing.

6. To choose by ballot and major vote three Trustees of Trust Funds for the year ensuing.

7. To choose by ballot and major vote one or more Library Trustees for the year ensuing.

8. To see if the Town will instruct its Selectmen to appoint all other Town officers as required by law.

9. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the poor for the year ensuing.

10. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for Old Age, Blind, and Disability Assistance for the year ensuing.

11. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the repair of highways and bridges.

12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and instruct its Selectmen to take such action regarding plowing or otherwise keeping winter roads open in said Town for the year ensuing, as in their judgement seems most conducive to the best interests of the Town, and appropriate money for the same.

13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell, at public or private sale, the tractor snow-plow now owned by the Town.

14. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the Brown Road, so-called, leading from the "Brown Place" line north forty rods to the Tom Jackson camp.

15. To see if the Town will vote to accept State Aid for Construction of Class V roads and raise and appropriate or set aside for said purpose the sum of $398.62, the State to contribute the sum of $2,657.50.

16. To see if the Town will vote to empower and authorize the Selectmen to use the whole or a part of the surplus of money now in the Town Treasury for the purpose of lowering the Tax Rate for the year ensuing.

17. To see what sum or sums the Town will vote to fix as the price per day for hiring manual labor, equipment, and trucks for work on town roads.

18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $51.46 to the White Mountains Region Associaton, being 10 cents per $1,000

of assessed valuation (1/100th of 1 per cent) for the purpose of issuing and distributing printed matter and advertising and otherwise publicizing the advantages of the Town, in cooperation with the other 45 towns in the region

19. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to the Colebrook and North Country Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of publicizing and promoting, by advertising folders and otherwise, the Town and the North Country Region.

20. To see what action the Town will take with reference to hiring the Colebrook Fire Precinct for the purpose of extinguishing fires in said Town, and in the event of favorable action to make necessary appropriation for the same.

21. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the upkeep of cemeteries.

22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to incur debts for temporary loans in anticipation of the taxes for the ensuing year, and to pay such debts out of tax money when the same is received.

23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town through Tax Collector's deeds.

24. To see what sum of money the Town will raise for the support of Town Charges for the ensuing year.

25. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of cutting and removing the bushes from the side of the highways in such places as the Selectmen think most expedient.

26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the re-

ports of agents, auditors, selectmen and all other officers, and ratify and confirm the same.

27. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 18th day of February, A. D. 1955.

CHARLES H. WHITE
CLYDE SHALLOW
LYNN PARKHURST

Selectmen of Columbia, N. H.

Budget

Sources of Revenue	Actual Revenue Prev. Yr. 1954	Estimated Revenue Ensu. Yr. 1955
From State:		
Railroad Tax	160.09	160.09
Savings Bank Tax	60.75	60.75
Reimbursement Growing Wood and Lumber	7,095.87	7,095.87
From Local Sources:		
Dog Licenses	102.00	102.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	1,710.51	1,500.00
Cash Surplus	2,194.39	3,591.05
Poll Taxes	326.00	326.00
	$11,649.61	$12,835.76
Amounts to be raised by Property Tax		27,672.08
Total Revenues		$40,507.84

Purpose of Expenditures	Actual Expend. 1954	Estimated Expend. 1955
Current Maintenance Expenses:		
Town Officers' salaries	1,022.50	1,500.00
Town Officers expenses	1,303.56	1,000.00
Expenses of Town Hall	51.04	
Fire Department	152.84	1,000.00
Insurance	406.38	
Lights	33.00	
Vital Statistics	9.00	
Town Maintenance, Summer	5,144.42	3,000.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	3,033.71	4,500.00
Cutting Bushes	127.00	300.00
T. R. A.	396.37	398.62
Library	25.00	100.00
Town Poor	90.65	1,000.00

Old Age Assistance	841.59	800.00
Cemeteries	491.31	200.00
White Mountain Region	51.74	51.46
County Tax	2,657.76	2,657.76
School Tax	23,566.04	24,000.00
Total Expenditures	$39,403.91	$40,507.84

Taxes Assessed

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 1,500.00
Town Officers' Expenses	1,000.00
Fire Department	1,000.00
Class V Roads	396.37
Summer Roads	2,500.00
Winter Roads	4,500.00
Cutting Bushes	300.00
Library	25.00
Old Age Assistance	800.00
Town Poor	1,000.00
Cemeteries	200.00
White Mt. Region	51.74
County Tax	2,657.76
School Tax	24,382.77
Etate Aid Deficit (1952)	1,180.04
	$41,793.00
Less Estimated Revenues:	
Reimbursement a/c growing wood and lumber	$ 7,885.52
Auto Permits	1,249.18
Dog Licenses	88.20
Railroad Tax	135.65
Savings Bank Tax	60.75
Cash Surplus	2,194.39
	30,179.99
Plus Overlay	207.12
	$30,387.11
Less Poll Taxes	380.00
	$30,007.11

Tax Rate—$5.82

Financial Statement

ASSETS

Cash:	
In hands of Treasurer	$23,359.82
Accounts Due Town from State:	
Bounties	69.00
Unredeemed Taxes (from tax sale on account of)	
Levy of 1954	255.90
Levy of 1953	152.53
Levy of 1952	199.79
Previous Years	966.41
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1954	233.79
Levy of 1953	89.75
Levy of 1952	58.67
Previous Years	72.22
State Head Taxes—Levy of 1954	119.00
State Head Taxes—Previous Years	20.00
Total Assets	$25,596.38

LIABILITIES

Due to School District: balance of appropriation	$19,382.77
Due to State: State Head Taxes	386.00
Total Liabilities	$19,768.77
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	5,828.11
	25,596.88
Net Surplus—December 31, 1953	2,336.71
Net Surplus—December 31, 1954	5,828.11
Increase of Surplus	$ 491.40

INVOICE OF PROPERTY

Electric Plants	$ 63,303.00
Land and Buildings	349,607.00
50 Horses	5,500.00
687 Cows	79,630.00
110 Neat Stock	9,935.00
13 Sheep and Goats	170.00
2 Hogs	60.00
650 Fowls	975.00
Gasoline Pumps and Tanks	400.00
Mill and Machinery	2,000.00
Wood, Lumber, etc.	17,486.00
Total Valuation	$529,066.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	13,480.00
Total Valuation Less Exemptions	$515,586.00

Selectmen's Report

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	$21,075.43
State Treasurer, Bounties	24.75
State Treasurer, State Tax on gasoline	40.15
State Treasurer, Refund on timber tax	7,095.87
Class V Highway Maintenance	71.56
Railroad Tax 1954	160.09
Savings Bank Tax 1954	60.75
Harry Lang Dog Licenses	102.00
Harry Lang Auto Permits	1,710.51
Colebrook National Bank, note	6,000.00
Donald Haynes, taxes	33,300.75
Insurance Refund	27.22
Gulf Oil Corp. Refund on gasoline	111.32
Schools Share of Town Reports	196.00
School Treas. Money loaned for wood	87.00
Rebate on Cemetery Fund Bonds	12.75
Total	$70,076.13

PAYMENTS

Town Officer's Salaries	$ 1,022.50
Town Officer's Expenses	1,303.56
Town Hall Expenses	51.04
Fire Department	152.34
Bounties	69.00
Insurance	406.38
Vital Statistics	9.00
Town Maintenance—Summer Roads	5,144.42
Town Maintenance—Winter Roads	3,033.71
Lights	33.00
Cutting Bushes	127.00
Library	25.00
Old Age Assistance	841.59
Town Poor	90.35
Cemeteries	491.51
White Mt. Region	51.74
Taxes bought by town	255.90
Interest on note	48.00
T. R. A.	396.37
Temporary Loans	6,000.00
State Head Taxes	939.50
County Tax	2,657.76
School Tax	23,566.04
Total	$46,716.31

SCHEDULE TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, lands and buildings	$ 5,000.00
Furniture and equipment	500.00
Library: Furniture and equipment	1,000.00
Highway Dept., lands and buildings	2,500.00
Equipment	7,000.00
Schools, land and buildings	24,000.00
Equipment	4,000.00
Total	$44,000.00

Town Officers Salaries and Expenses:

Thelma Covell, Auditor	$ 6.00

Milton Adair, Moderator 1953	10.00
Milton Adair, Moderator 1954	20.00
Geo. A. Jackson, Supervisor	75.00
Almon Crawford, Estate Selectman	37.50
John Marshall Ballot Clerk	12.00
Leila Marshall Balot Cerk	12.00
Helen Lang Ballot Clerk	12.00
Gladys Pilbro Ballot Clerk	12.00
Harry Lang, Town Treasurer	100.00
Harry Lang, Town Cerk	75.00
Harry Lang, Dog Constable	15.00
Elery Adair, Supervisor	75.00
Charles White, Selectman	150.00
Clyde Shallow, Selectman	150.00
Lynn Parkhurst, Selectman	75.00
Donald Haynes, Tax Collector	135.00
Gerald Owen, evtra mileage '53	40.95
Charles H. White, wood for Town Shed	44.00
Association of N. H. Accessors, Dues	3.00
Stella Parker, Librarian and Janitor	38.00
Clyde Shallow, Payment to F. Harrigan	2.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies for Town Clerk	39.50
Frederick J. Harrigan, Re Warrant	3.00
Sentinel Publishing Co., Town Report, Stationery	262.30
W. A. Bartlett, Transfer List	10.61
Charles White, Envelopes for mailing inventories	6.52
Elsie M. Annis, Bonds	87.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, Dog tags and office supplies	10.54
Milton Adair, Loan to School Board	87.00
Ida M. Horner, Tax Collector Ass. Dues	3.00
Elsie M. Annis, Bonds	13.00
Charles White, Trip To Errol	5.00
Alda Jackson, Librarian, Janitor	72.00
Elmer J. Dickey, Dep. Sheriff, Transportation	35.05
Sentinel Publishing Co., Envelopes	5.00
Brown and Saltmarsh, Supplies	14.64
Wayne Roby, Bounty on Bear	5.00
Charles R. Hardy, Treas, Town Clerk Ass'n.	2.00
Sentinel Publishing Co., Tax Bills	14.75
W. R. Barnett, nails	5.20

Gerald Owen, Extra mileage '54	40.50
Ernest Pilbro, Supervisor	75.00
Charles White, Work on Yield Tax, etc.	36.40
Lynn Parkhurst, Police Duty and Repairing Light	12.75
Clyde Shallow, Work on Yield Tax, etc.	35.00
Clyde Shallow, Trip to Manchester	25.00
Beatrice White, Clerical Work	100.00
Harry Lang, Auto Permits	119.00
Harry Lang, Postage, meetings	38.00
Harry Lang, Posting notices	6.00
Donald Haynes, Collecting Head Taxes, postage, etc.	57.75
Total	$2,326.06

SUMMER ROADS

Jesse L. Cass, grader and truck	$ 908.86
Lynn Smith, labor	79.00
Linwood Phillips, labor	85.85
Clark Smith, labor	10.00
H. Becker, raking rocks	4.00
Earl Cass	19.00
W. Kelsea, trucking gravel	35.65
Orville Haynes, trucking gravel	27.00
Jesse Cass Jr., labor	9.00
Alonzo Adams, labor	5.75
Clyde Shallow, driving truck	29.00
Charles White, trucking gravel	71.40
Charles White, trucking chloride	13.90
Almon Crawford, labor	7.00
Gulf Oil Gasoline	55.66
Lynn Parkhurst and Sons, planks	73.62
Earl Lyons, trucking gravel	29.70
Withholding Tax	27.80
H. A. Holbrook, tractor and shovel	12.50
State of New Hampshire, chloride	288.47
State of New Hampshire, culvert	332.36
Wilfred Frizzell, bulldozing	127.00
Andrew Jackson, raking rocks	2.00
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	73.24
Aaron Bennett, working roads	419.66
Noel Bedard, labor	146.50

Kenneth Fox, labor	111.70
L. McKeage, labor	36.50
Azel Harding, holding road machine	16.00
H. N. Marsh, welding and repairing road machine	20.90
P. A. Hicks and Sons, pliers and hammer handles	4.70
Verne Reynolds, turning water	2.00
L. Ellingwood, work on roads	22.75
Aurora Poulin, gravel	5.70
Freeman Marshall, gravel	3.00
H. J. Boucher, truck and man	74.25
Irving Blodgett, work on roads and repair bridges	443.30
Clyde B. Gray, bulldozer, shovel, and hauling gravel	676.80
Hollis Sweatt, labor	87.00
Joe Daley, bulldozer	35.00
Charles White, hauling gravel and cement	140.40
Arthur Sweatt, cleaning ditches	25.00
Maurice Buck, bulldozer	497.00
Sidney Martin, labor	22.50
W. J. Beecher, cement	26.00
Total	$5,144.42

WINTER ROADS

Clyde Shallow, plowing and sanding	$ 626.47
Linwood Phillips, helper on plow	452.00
Clyde Shallow, putting up snow fences	62.50
Linwood Phillips, putting up snow fences	25.00
Leon Gadwah, putting up snow fences	12.00
Jondro, welding	9.75
State of New Hampshire, plowing and sanding	98.96
Sherman Gould, sanding	5.00
Wesley Phillips, sanding	9.50
Edwin Frizzell, sanding	4.00
Haynes Drew, sanding	8.00
Denis Coauette, sanding	7.00
H. N. Marsh, repairs on truck and plow	420.23
W. R. Barnett, salt	2.70
Columbia Steel Co., snow plow parts	384.37
Gulf Oil Corporation, gasoline	438.12

Aaron Bennett, plowing	268.95
Lyman McKeage, helper on plow	37.00
Verne Reynolds, labor	16.50
Wilbur Reynolds, labor	2.00
Elmer Buffington, welding	12.50
Arthur Sweatt, plowing	25.00
Hazen Goodrum, gasoline	1.35
Robert Spitzner, cross chains	11.20
Robert Crowley, sanding	5.00
Roland Hughes, plowing Meridan Hill	20.00
Charles White and Tractor, opening road on Jordon Hill	47.00
Charles White, gasoline for town plow	3.87
Stratford Grange, putting on plow	17.74
Total	$3,033.71

CUTTING BUSHES

Earl Cass	$ 30.00
Jesse Cass	10.00
Tom Jackson	2.00
Wilfred Frizzell	85.00
Total	$127.00

Town Hall Expenses:

Total Amount Expended	$510.1

Fire Department:

Town:

Brush Fire at Paul DeBlois:

John Marshall	$ 1.36
Erwin Parkhurst	1.00
Lynn Parkhurst, Meeting at Berlin	5.00
Erwin Parkhurst, Meeting at Berlin	5.00
Fred Stewart, Meeting at Berlin	5.00
Charles J. White, Meeting and Transportation	13.48
	$30.84

Colebrook Fire Department:

May 25 Paul Poulin Automobile fire	$ 65.00
October 26 Almon Crawford Estate Barn	57.00
	$122.00
Total	$152.84

Bounties:

9 Bears	$45.00
48 Porcupines	24.00
	$69.00

Class V Roads:

T. R. A.	396.37
Cutting Bushes	127.00

Insurance:

Farm Bureau Mutual Insurance Co., insurance on Defense Building	4.17
Edwin Frizzell, Insurance Town Garage	35.00
Edwin Frizzell, Insurance Town Hall	185.85
Frank Marshall, Workmen's Compensation and Truck Insurance	181.36
	$406.38

Vital Statistics:	9.00
Harry Lang, Auto Permits	119.00
Lights:	
Columbia Bridge	9.00
Town Garage	24.00
	$33.00

Town Poor:

Dorothy Smith, daughter of L. Smith - Dr. and Hospital fee	90.65

Old Age Assistance:

For:
Etta Banfill
Persis Hall
Francis Jacques
Marie C. Jacques
Ivan Nason
William Romanofski

Town's one-fourth of Old Age Assistance Grant	841.59
Cemeteries:	
Mowing and Care of	210.85
Wire For Columbia Bridge Cemetery	107.11
Labor and Supplies for Columbia Bridge Cemetery Fence	173.35
	$491.31
Library	$25.00
Schools:	
Beatrice C. White, Treasurer	$23,566.04
Temporary Loans:	
Colebrook National Bank	$6,000.00
Interest on Loan	48.00
County Tax:	
J. Arthur Sullivan, Treasurer	$2,657.76

Tax Collector's Report

Levy of 1954

Dr.

Taxes Committed to Collector:		
Property Taxes	$30,007.11	
Poll Taxes	372.00	
Total Warrant		$30,379.11

Yield Taxes	$789.65	
Added Taxes:		
Propjerty Taxes	46.27	
Poll Taxes	8.00	
Interest	.17	
Total Taxes		$844.09
Total Debits		$31,223.20

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Paid Treasurer:		
Property Taxes	$30,009.13	
Poll Taxes	326.00	
Yield Taxes	608.48	
Interest	.17	
		$30,943.78
Uncollected Taxes:		
Property Taxes	18.62	
Poll Taxes	34.00	
Yield Taxes	181.17	
Abatements	45.63	
		$279.42
		$31,223.20

Redeemed Lands:	
Paid Treasurer 1953 Taxes	$66.53
Uncollected 1953	89.75
Paid Treasurer 1952 Taxes	87.00
Abatements 1952	50.83
Uncollected 1952	58.67
Paid Treasurer 1951 Taxes	6.00
Abatements 1951	2.00

UNREDEEMED TAXES FROM TAX SALES AN ACCOUNT OF LEVIES OF:

	1954	1953	1952	Previous Yearrs
France Crete				$ 60.31

John LaFond				37.39
Armand Brochu	44.54		47.53	53.01
Maurice Pinard	47.45	48.58	50.98	115.74
Ernest Goodrum				19.03
M. and E. Adair			5.97	6.20
M. and E. Adair			10.70	9.29
Francis Chapple				78.73
K. D. Edwards				586.71
Robert Laventure	38.72		41.53	
O. G. Kelsea	52.69	48.49		
O. G. Kelsea	56.48	55.46		
O. G. Kelsea			22.63	
O. G. Kelsea			20.15	
Valeria Clark	16.02			
	$255.90	$152.53	$199.79	$966.41

State Head Taxes:
Levy of 1954

Dr.

Original Warrant	$1,025.00	
Added Tax	25.00	
Penalties Collected	14.00	
Total		$1,064.00

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Paid Treasurer:		
Head Taxes	876.00	
Penalties	14.00	
Abatements	55.00	
Uncollected	119.00	
		$1,064.00

DONALD H. HAYNES

Tax Collector

Town Clerk's Report

During the year I have recorded 7 births, 5 deaths, and 4 marriages.

Licenses have been paid me on 55 dogs amounting to	$113.00
Less Clerk fees	11.00
	$102.00

These sums have been turned over to the Treasurer.

I have issued 7 auto permits for 1953 amounting to	9.61
229 Auto permits for 1954 amounting to	1,700.90
	$1,710.51

These sums have been paid Treasurer.

HARRY LANG

Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	$21,075.43
Received from all sources	49,000.70
Total receipts to date	70,076.13
Less Selectmen's orders	46,716.31
Cash on hand January 1, 1955	$23,359.82

HARRY LANG

Treasurer

Library Report

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	123.54	
Received from Town Treasurer	25.00	
		148.54
Paid for books and magazines		106.74
Cash on hand December 31, 1954		$ 41.80

Number of books purchased — 58
Magazines — 1

BEATRICE WHITE
BARBARA HAYNES
THELMA COVELL
Library Trustees

Librarian's Report

Cash on hand January 1, 1954	None
Received from dues	$2.00
Paid for supplies	.42
Cash on hand December 31, 1954	$1.58

ALDA JACKSON
Librarian

Trust Funds

December 31, 1954

March 4, 1946, Mary A. Walker fund	
Amount of Principal	$400.00
Rate of Interest .02 per cent	
Balance of Income on hand beginning of year	44.19
Income during year	11.20
Expended during year	8.00
Balance end of year	447.39

Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank

September 3, 1946, Henry Foristall Fund

Amount of Principal	$200.00
Balance of Income on hand beginning of year	14.33
Income during year	5.41
Expended during year	4.00
Balance end of year	215.74

Colebrook Guaranty Savings Bank

August 29, 1935, Mrs. Warren Marshall Trust Fund

Amount of Principal	$ 75.00
Balance of Income beginning of year	7.70
Income during year	1.94
Expended during year	2.00
Balance end of year	77.64

March 27, 1933 Ellen Cleveland Trust Fund

Amount of Principal	$100.00
Balance of income beginning of year	28.28
Income during year	3.24
Expended during year	6.00
Balance end of year	125.52

Farmers and Traders National and Savings Bank

ORVILLE TRASK
EUGENE JORDON
GLADYS PILBRO
Trustees

September 1949 E. Columbia Ladies Aid Society Trust Fund

To be used for repairs, maintenance and improvements, including principal or any part of it. To be expended by Selectmen.

IJanuary 1, 1954	$136.94	
Interest	3.42	
Balance December 31, 1954		$140.36

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I do hereby certify I have examined the books of Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer and Selectmen and to the best of my ability find them to be correctly computed and accounted for.

THELMA G. COVELL
Auditor

COLUMBIA SCHOOL REPORT

March 1, 1955

Moderator
HARRY F. LANG

Clerk
MARION E. WELLS

Treasurer
BEATRICE C. WHITE

Auditor
HARRY F. LANG

School Board

MILTON E. ADAIR	Term	Expires	1955
THELMA G. COVELL	Term	Expires	1956
HARRIETTE C. LANG	Term	Expires	1957

Superintendent of Schools
ERNEST B. DANA

Warrant

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Columbia qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 16th day of March, 1955, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years

4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officer or agents of the district.

6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

7. To choose Agents, Auditors, and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

8. To see what sum of money the district will raise and appropriate for the support of schools, for the salaries of school district officials and agents, and for the payment of statutory obligations of the district, and to authorize the application against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the state equalization fund together with such other income; the school board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriation, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the town.

9. To see if the dictrict will authorize the School to sell the Valley and Union School Properties.

10. To see if the District will authorize the School Board to make application for and to receive, in the name of the District, such advances, grants-in-aid or other funds for educational purposes as may now or hereafter be forthcoming from the U. S. Government and/or State Agencies.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Columbia this 1st day of February, 1955.

Signed: MILTON E. ADAIR
THELMA G. COVELL
HARRIETTE C. LANG

School Board

Superintendent's Report

Introduction

With the General Court now in session, and with a relatively large number of educational bills as well as amendments to existing laws in this field to be acted upon, a considerable amount of what takes place beneath the State House Dome during the coming weeks and months will be of significance to education. Several of these proposed measures, if passed, will affect very materially the administration and cost of operating our schools. Among the bills might be cited those relative to the establishment of minimum salaries for teachers, continuing contracts for the same group, and the determination of a bonded indebtedness limit for districts borrowing money. Two of the amendments to be considered are of particular interest to us, too, namely, one calling for compulsory school attendance of pupils in all districts until sixteen years of age regardless of grade completed up to that time, and a closely related one calling for the transportation

of these same pupils to the school to which they are assigned at district expense.

As far reaching though as may be the effect of possible positive legislation upon these bills and amendments which will tend to still further increase our mounting educational costs, perhaps of even greater significance to us will be the action taken in respect to increasing financial support to local school districts from the state level. In so far as can now be seen, this seems to be the only feasible way the tax burden of the property owner can be alleviated to any appreciable extent in paying for the high cost of conducting our schools. The recognition of this need for additional state aid is wide spread, even by the Governor, although there is disagreement between him and the many sponsoring organizations as to how more revenue for this purpose is to be raised. Whatever may be the source finally decided upon, a sales or some other form of tax, from which this money is to be obtained, and how much, there is bound to be a keen interest in the developments when this topic comes up for deliberation by the members of the General Court during this legislative session.

Teachers

With the alarmingly great proportions already reached in the teacher shortage, especially for elementary grades, and with no relief of this serious situation in sight, we may well consider ourselves most fortunate to have veteran teachers in all our schools. The Teachers who have returned to work with us again this year and their respective schools and grades are Florence B. Hughes, Church, Grades 1-4; Mary E. Gray, Cone, Grades 1-4; and Myra A. Holbrook, Grand Division, Grades 5-8.

School Nurse—Health

The importance of the work done by our school nurse, Mrs. Ethel S. Sturgis, in constantly checking the health of our children, in conducting follow-up work when necessary, and in making arrangements

for much needed dental work, is evidenced by general good attendance throughout the year.

We are sorry that, due to his health, it has been necessary for Dr. F. Hammond Dickson to discontinue the Dental Clinic. The work that he has done year in and year out over the long period of time that he has been serving the boys and girls in this area has meant much to a great many former as well as present pupils enrolled in our schools.

It is very much hoped, that with the setting-up of another dentist office in Colebrook, that it will again be possible to make arrangements so that our school children may continue to receive much needed dental treatment at a nominal cost and convenience to them. Present plans are to again conduct a pre-school clinic in the spring, also, as it helps materially to determine the general physical condition of children planning to enter the First Grade in the fall time to receive medical attention when necessary.

Change In Organization

As is known, when it was learned that Ferne C. Fogg was not returning to teach Grades 5-8 at the Cone School for the current year, and since this group was going to be relatively small, it seemed best to transport these upper grade pupils to the Colebrook Elementary School along with those of all grades from the Valley District as was already being done. Also, since the Cone School Building, due to the recent work done on it when moved to its present location by the State Highway Department, provides more adequate facilities than does the one at South Columbia, it was believed best to close the latter school and to move the primary grades formerly assigned there to the Cone School.

Of interest to every taxpayer when any such a change in organization is made, is a comparison of the resultant costs with those of operating under the previous set-up. It is believed that everyone will be pleased to know that it is going to result in a substantial sav-

ing to the district. Although, as might be expected, tuition and transportation costs have been increased, the overall saving made in closing a school, where the expenses of keeping it open included the payment of the teacher's salary plus the cost of such items as janitorial service, retirement, fuel, lights, books and general supplies, has been even greater. Examination of the budget breakdown printed on subsequent pages in this report will show these increases and decreases just cited when comparisons are made between that of the current and next year's under the respective headings.

Buildings

Due to all the work that has been done recently in moving the Cone and Church School Buildings, in placing them upon new foundations, and the extensive alterations and major repairs made at the time in each case, and also the continued policy of keeping all buildings in a good state of maintenance, relatively little carpenter work has been necessary during the past year. Extensive interior decorating was done during the summer vacation period, however, when the classrooms in all three of the buildings presently being used were painted with attractive pastel colors.

With it apparently being only a question of time when the State Highway Department will continue its program of road construction on Route 3 in this area, and which recent surveying activities and markings indicate will be through the site where the Valley School Building now sets, it would seem advisable for the district to consider the sale of this property which has not been used for school purposes during the past several years.

On the same basis of its not having been used for a long period of time, and the likelihood of when it might be for school purposes extremely uncertain, possibly the advisability of selling the Union School Building might also be considered. As will be noted in the warrant, a copy of which will be found on the first pages of this report, provision is made for a consideration of the sale of these two buildings.

Enrollment and Attendance

As is to be expected with the closing of the South Columbia School, the moving of Grades 1-4 from there to the Cone School, and with the transportation now to Colebrook of the pupils in Grades 5-8 who were formerly assigned to this last named school, the enrollment in the schools within the district continues to decrease. At the time of this writing only 66 pupils are enrolled in the district's schools as compared to 73 last year, 77 the previous year, 81 the year before that,, and 88 four years ago. The average percentage of attendance for the four schools open during the last year was 95.32, which is very good, and the average number of tardinesses was only .3 which is the lowest in several years. A breakdown of this attendance and tardiness record for each school may be found in a tabulation printed on subsequent pages in this report.

As is to be expected, also, with the decrease of pupils enrolled in the schools of the district largely due to more and more being assigned to schools outside, the number of tuition pupils from Columbia shows a decided increase. At the present time 25 are attending Colebrook Academy, 23 Colebrook Elementary School, and 1 is attending Stratford High School to make a total of 49 in contrast to 17, 11, and 2 enrolled in these respective schools last year for a total of only 30.

Notes on the Budget

For the first time in several years it is possible for the school board to submit for consideration a budget less than that of the previous year, as it is $29,-165.00 as compared to $30,413.00 for the current year. Since the estimated income of $6,000.00 is the same as that for this year, too, the amount to be raised by taxes by the town is likewise appreciably less. As was explained under the caption of - Changes in Organization - the decrease in the budget is explained, for the most part, by the closing of one of our schools and assigning the pupils who formerly attended there to a school outside the district.

Conclusion

I wish again to thank the members of the School Board, parents, teachers and citizens for all the help and cooperation received in our work together to keep standards high in our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST B. DANA

Superintendent of Schools

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Receipts 1953-54

State Aid	$ 5,772.96
Current Appropriation	24,566.04
Elementary School Tuition Refund	11.00
Total Net Receipts from all sources	30,350.00
Cash on hand at beginning of year, July 1, 1953	60.79
Grand Total Receipts	$30,410.79

Payments 1953-54

	Budget 1953-54	Total Spent	Balance June 30
Administration:			
Salaries of District Officers	175.00	171.78	3.22
Supt's Salary	373.00	372.50	.50
Per Capita Tax	246.00	246.00	
Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel	175.00	187.60	*—12.60
Supplies and Expenses	140.00	162.13	—22.13
Instruction:			
Teachers' Salaries	10,600.00	10,488.64	111.36

Books and Other Inst. Aids	200.00	305.86	—105.86
Scholars Supplies	300.00	408.24	—108.24
Supplies and Other Expenses	75.00	16.26	58.74
Operation of School Plant:			
Janitor Service	375.00	391.21	—16.21
Fuel	400.00	579.50	—179.50
Water, Light, Supplies, and Expenses	200.00	173.93	26.07
Maintenance of School Plant:			
Repairs and Replacements	300.00	1,622.31	—1,322.31
Auxiliary Activities:			
Health	440.00	384.85	55.15
Transportation	5,000.00	4,779.00	221.00
Tuition	8,525.00	5,761.49	2,763.51
Special Activities and Funds	50.00	47.82	2.18
Fixed Charges:			
Retirement and OASI	680.00	780.43	—100.43
Insurance, Treas. Bonds, and Expenses	35.00	79.28	—44.28
Capital Outlay:			
Land and New Buildings		187.62	—187.62
Additions and Improvements - Special Appropriation	2,000.00	2,351.49	—351..49
New Equipment	50.00		50.00
Total Net Payments for all Purposes	30,339.00	29,497.94	841.06
Cash on hand at End of Year (June 30, 1954)		912.85	
Grand Total	$30,339.00	$30,410.79	$841.[illegible]
Added Income Over Appropriation	71.79		71.79
June 30, 1953	$30,410.79	$30,410.79	$9[illegible]

*— Indicates Overpayment

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Columbia of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1954, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

HARRY F. LANG
Auditor

June 30, 1954

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Salaries of District Officers:	
Almon J. Crawford, Auditor	$ 3.00
Harry F. Lang, Auditor	3.00
Thelma G. Covell, School Board	40.00
Milton E. Adair, School Board	40.00
Edwin C. Frizzell, School Board	40.00
Treasurer, State of N. H., OASI	5.78
Marion E. Wells, Clerk	2.50
Harry F. Lang, Moderator	2.50
Beatrice C. White, Treasurer	35.00
	$171.78
***Supt's. Salary:**	
State Treasurer	$372.50

*In accordance with the Laws of 1953, Chapter 243, Section 5, a breakdown of the total amount paid to the superintendent by the State and the respective school districts follows:

	Salary	Travel	Total
State of N. H.	3,250.00		3,250.00
School Districts:			
Colebrook Special	998.25	380.00	1,378.25
Colebrook Town	245.25	90.00	335.25
Columbia	272.50	100.00	372.50
Clarksville	163.50	60.00	223.50
Pittsburg	691.25	240.00	931.25
Stewartstown	354.25	130.00	484.25
Totals	$5,975.00	$1000.00	$6,975.00

Per Capita Tax:	
State Treasurer	$246.00
Salaries of Other Admin. Personnel:	
Thelma G. Covell, Census	$ 20.00
Milton E. Adair, Census	20.00
Marion E. Wells, Office Clerk	110.00
Treasurer, State of N. H., OASI	.93
Elaine Dufour, Office Work	36.67
	$187.60

Supplies and Expenses:	
Sentinel Publishing Co., letterheads, notices	4.15
Edson C. Eastman Co., ceusus cards, vouchers	13.10
N. H. School Boards Association, dues	3.00
N. L. and E. W. Kruysman, expanding envelopes	2.25
Ray A. Hicks, envelopes	10.45
Cascade Paper Co., voucher clips	2.40
Columbia Town Treas. School Reports	98.00
Pittsburg School District, phone, nurse	5.85
Ernest B. Dana, office expenses	16.66
Colebrook Special School District, office expenses	5.64
	$162.13

Teachers' Salaries:	
Florence B. Hughes	$ 2,073.70
Myra A. Holbrook	2,011.90
Mary E. Gray	2,131.10
Ferne C. Fogg	2,186.84
Richard C. Haapaoja	388.10
Colebrook National Bank, withholding tax	637.60
N. H. - Vt. Hospitalization Service, Blue Cross	98.20
Teachers Retirement System, assessment	880.20
Mary Pease, substitute	9.00
Mildred J. Corbett, substitute	36.00
Marion E. Wells, substitute	27.00
Claire G. Owen, substitute	9.00
	$10,488.64

Books and Other Instructional Aids:

Laidlaw Bros., English Books	$ 16.76
American Book Co., dictionaries	54.32
Association Films, films	1.30
Rand McNally and Co., books	13.83
Follett Publishing Co., books	26.72
J. B. Lippincott Co., books	1.82
Hughes Radio and Electric Shop, supplies	1.00
Ginn and Co., music	42.16
Houghton Mifflin Co., books	13.80
The L. W. Singer Co., books	5.40
Chas W. Homeyer and Co., band records	3.75
Scott, Foresman and Co., books	20.00
Webster Publishing Co., books	25.00
The Macmillan Co., books	10.00
Denoyer-Geppert Co., Globes	70.00
	$305.00

Scholars' Supplies:

Rand McNally and Co., workbooks	$ 10.25
Scott, Foresman and Co., supplies and workbooks	139.23
Gledhill Bros., supplies	5.15
J. L. Hammett Co., supplies	22.43
Follett Publishing Co., workbooks	28.61
The Art Centre, tempera paint	9.90
Phillips Paper Co., duplicator	4.44
Allyn and Bacon, tests, Gen. Sci. workbooks	47.38
Milton Bradley Co., file holders and spelling blanks	8.29
Junior Scholastic, magazines	25.00
The Macmillan Co., workbooks	16.48
The Papercrafters, crayola	10.80
World Book Co., tests	4.89
American Education Press, magazines	26.50
The Sentinel Publishing Co., newsprint	1.15
United World Films, rental	6.44
University of N. H., rental films	10.80
Ruwe Pencil Co., pencils	20.00
American Book Co., workbooks	10.00
	$408.24

Supplies and Other Expenses:

Webster Publishing Co., class books	$ 2.83
Field Enterprises, encyclopedia	2.50
Scott, Foresman and Co., workbooks	.63
National Geographic Society - subscription	3.00
World Almanac, almanacs	3.80
Hughes Radio and Electric Shop, needles and record album	3.50
	$16.26

Janitor Service:

Mrs. Verne Reynolds, cleaning, 2 years	$ 43.00
Mrs. Earl Cass, cleaning, 2 years	47.00
Mary Margaret Keach, janitor	74.00
Freeman Hartwell, janitor	74.00
Wm. Reynolds, Jr., janitor	74.00
Wayne Delong, janitor	74.00
Treasurer, State of N. H.	5.21
	$391.21

Fuel:

Gordon Placy, wood	$ 17.50
Chas. H. White, wood	132.00
Shirley Martin, wood	187.00
Washburn Lumber Co., wood	132.00
Ruby Gray, piling wood	3.75
Marilla Cass, piling wood	3.75
William Adair, piling wood	3.00
Maurice Vallier, piling wood	7.50
Wayne Delong, piling wood	9.00
Kenneth Smith, piling wood	9.00
Scott Pearson, wood	75.00
	* $579.50

* Includes payment for fuel used over period of two years

Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses:

Public Service Co., lights	$ 75.12
Procter Gamble Co., dispenser	3.43
Charles J. Lewis, bombs	7.00

The Palmer Co., toilet fixture	4.93
Luxor Lighting Products, bulbs	5.64
P. A. Hicks and Sons, supplies	7.99
E. F. Royal Co., chl. lime	.94
W. R. Barnett, broom	2.89
N. H. Electric Cooperative, lights	66.59
	$173.93

Repairs and Replacements:

Milton Bradley Co., faucets	$ 4.23
Bryant's, supplies	1.33
Milton Adair, repairs - 3 schools	182.07
Nugent's Plumbing and Heating, repairs - Cone	111.86
Aaron E. Stevens, supplies	33.10
Beaver Falls Garage, labor	3.00
P. A. Hicks and Sons, supplies	23.89
H. N. Marsh, grates	6.50
Robert Wilson, supplies	.85
Treffle Hebert, Church School	995.25
Hughes Radio and Electric Shop, phono player	4.00
Farmers Feed and Supply Co., axe handle	1.65
A. J. Wiswell, wiring repairs	4.58
Chester W. Martin, repairs - 4 schools	250.00
	$1,622.31

Health Supervision:

Ethel Sturgis, nurse	$327.90
N. H. Teachers Retirement System, assessment	32.10
Dickson's Pharmacy, supplies	7.05
E. G. Staats, health ribbons	2.00
Edson C. Eastman, tabs	1.50
Dr. Leo Poirier, pre-school clinic (1953)	6.30
The Sentinel Publishing Co., health cards	1.00
Dr. Bruce Kelly, pre-school clinic	7.00
	$384.85

Transportation:

Ernest W. Drew	$1,416.00
Verne M. Reynolds	1,947.00

Joseph E. Bergeron	1,416.00
	$4,779.00

Tuition:

	High	Elem.
Colebrook Special School District	3,696.25	1,406.24
The Crotched Mt. Rehabilitation Center, D. Smith		89.00
Stratford School District	570.00	
	$4,266.25	$1,495.24

Special Activities and Special Funds:

Lynch's Sports Equipment Co., fleece and soft balls, and bats	$12.36
Giant Manufacturing Co., playground equipment	33.47
A. H. Rice Co., exciter bulbs	1.99
	$47.82

Retirement:

N. H. Teachers Retirement System, teacher and nurse	$734.81
Treasurer, State of N. H., OASI - janitors and officers	16.59
N. H. Dept. of Public Welfare - OASI Fund adm. costs	6.80
Employees' Retirement System, Supt. and clerk	22.23
	$780.43

Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses:

Elsie M. Annis, treasurer's bond	10.00
Edwin C. Frizzell, insurance	69.28
	$79.28

Land and New Buildings:

Gerald Haynes, grading and cleaning yard	$ 10.00
Clyde Gray, shovel, Church yard	8.00
Edwin C. Frizzell, supplies and labor, Church School	124.57

Wm. J. Beecher, grading yard, Church School	42.00
P. A. Hicks and Sons, lawn seed and fertilizer	3.05
	$187.02

Additions and Improvements:

Wm. J. Beecher, Contract and extra labor, Church School	$2,345.49
Thomas Mercer, moving wood, Church School	3.00
Haynes Drew, moving wood, Church School	3.00
	$2,351.49

BUDGET 1955-56

(Compared with the Budget of 1954-55 and Expenditures of 1953-54)

	Amount Spent 1953-54	Budget for 1954-55	Proposed Budget 1955-56
*Salaries of District Officers	171.78	175.00	175.00
*Supt's Salary	372.50	375.00	383.00
*Per Capita Tax	246.00	258.00	220.00
Salaries of Admin. Personnel	187.60	200.00	212.00
Supplies and Expenses	132.13	150.00	150.00
Teachers' Salaries	10,488.64	11,050.00	8,600.00
Books and Other Instructional Aids	305.86	200.00	200.00
Scholars' Supplies	408.24	300.00	300.00
Supplies and Other Expenses	16.26	100.00	75.00
Janitor Service	391.21	400.00	400.00
Fuel	579.50	400.00	300.00
Water, Light, Supplies and Expenses	173.93	250.00	200.00
Repairs and Replacements	1,622.31	300.00	200.00
Health	384.85	410.00	380.00
Transportation	4,779.00	5,000.00	4,860.00
Tuition	5,761.49	9,800.00	11,700.00

Special Activities and Funds	47.82	50.00	50.00
*Retirement and OASI	780.43	830.00	650.00
Insurance, Tr. Bonds and Expenses	79.28	115.00	60.00
Land and New Buildings	187.62		
New Equipment		50.00	50.00
Additions and Improvements	2,351.49		
Totals	$29,497.94	$30,413.00	$29,165.00

*The starred items are required by law to be raised as determined by the proper authorities. The salaries of the district officers are determined by the district. A relationship which takes into consideration school membership and assessed vaulation, determines the proportionate share of the salaries paid by each district for personnel employed by the supervisory union. The State Treasurer reports the amount of the per capita tax. The Retirement Board assesses the amount for Teachers' Retirement.

ESTIMATED INCOME OF THE DISTRICT

State Aid	$ 3,500.00
Balance	2,500.00
Total Income	6,000.00
School Board's Budget	29,165.00
Requested Appropriation	$23,165.00

REGISTRATION AND ATTENDANCE

Teacher and	Grade	No. Pupils	No. Boys	Average Atttendance	Average Membership	Percent of Attendance	No. Tardiness Per Pupil
Florence B. Hughes, Church							
	1-4	18	8	16.70	17.20	97.10	0
Myra A. Holbrook, Grand Division							
	5-8	22	9	20.54	21.71	94.63	0
Mary E. Gray, South Columbia							
	1-4	18	10	15.10	16.05	94.33	0
Ferne C. Fogg, Cone							
	5-8	17	11	14.22	14.93	95.24	1.3
Totals		75	28	66.56	69.89	95.32	0.3

TEACHERS CONTRACTED SALARIES 1954-55

Florence B. Hughes	$2,600.00
Myra A. Holbrook	2,600.00
Mary E. Gray	2,600.00
Richard C. Haapaoja	375.76

NURSE AND SALARY

Ethel S. Sturgis	$370.00

JANITORS AND SALARIES

	per week
Thelma G. Covell, Church	$2.00
Freeman W. Hartwell, Grand Division	2.00
Everett Bryer, Cone	2.00

TRANSPORTATION

	Rate Per Day	No. Carried	Mi. Per Day
Kilburn G. Covell, Church and Grand Division:	14.00	36	42
Verne M. Reynolds, lower Columbia and Cole. Elem.	13.00	47	62

ENROLLMENT 1954-55

Church - Grades 1-4, 20; Grand Division - Grades 5-8, 23; Cone - Grades 5-8, 23. Grand Total - 66.

TUITION PUPILS AND RATE

Attending Colebrook Elementary	23	$125.00
Attending Colebrook Academy	25	250.00
Attending Stratford High	1	250.00
	49	

Births Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., For the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Birth	Name of Child (if any)	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Place of Birth
Feb. 13 1954	Conrad C Chapple	Francis G Chapple	Mary L. Washburn	West Stewartstown
May 31 1954	Herbert R Fields	Herbert Fields	Arlene A Nason	West Stewartstown
Dec. 21 1953	Gary C Grant	George Wm. Grant	Eleanor E Dewey	West Stewartstown
Aug. 30 1953	Dennis G Hyde	Raymond G. Hyde	June A Gould	West Stewartstown
May 10 1954	Cynthia J Parker	Leonard Wm. Parker	Arlene B Parrish	West Stewartstown
April 21 1954	Scott A Reynolds	Vern M Reynolds	Margaret M Stanton	Columbia
April 1 1888	Jesse Cass	Morris Cass	Rhoda J Hartford	Columbia

Marriages Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Marriage	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	Age Each In Yr	Name of Parents
Oct. 22 1954	Colebrook	William Elery Adair	19	Elery W Adair
		Edwina Rose Parker	17	Juanita Corliss
				Edd Parker
				Ida Libby
Oct. 30 1954	North Stratford	Lee Whitcomb Hanks	28	Herbert W Hanks
		Gloria Mae Flanders	20	Martha Hicks
				Clayton E Flanders
				Thelma D Sheffield
Nov. 13 1954	Stewartstown, N. H.	Kenneth Albion Parkhurst	23	Lynn L Parkhurst
		Isabelle Murielle Riendeau	21	Madeline E Gadwah
				George A Riendeau
				Ariana Gagner
July 27 1954	Colebrook	Charles Joseph White	22	Charles H White
		Arlene Mary Gould	19	Beatrice Doak
				Benjamin F Gould
				Francis Vugue

Deaths Registered in the Town of Columbia, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1954

Date of Death	Name and Surname of the Deceased	Yrs. Mos. Days	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
Aug. 11 1954	George O DeLong	58		Mary Haynes
Dec. 21 1954	Henry Jackson	84	Joseph Jackson	Unknown
Nov. 29 1954	Thomas Wm Jackson	76	Joseph Jackson	Emily E Noyes
Dec. 16 1953	Marie C P Jacques	70	Vital Poulin	Celanise Fecteau
April 11 1954	Joseph Ouillet+e	69	Paul Ouillette	Alphonsine Gagnon